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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 05/03/2011	Accident number: 636
Accident time: 09:35	Accident Date: 09/10/2008
Where it occurred: AF/0308/01635/HT122 2, Qalai Ahmad Khan Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province	Country: Afghanistan
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Inadequate training (?)
Class: Excavation accident	Date of main report: Not recorded
ID original source: DA35	Name of source: UNMACCA
Organisation: [Name removed]	
Mine/device: PMN AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created:	Date last modified: 05/03/2011
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system: Not recorded	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale:	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)
squatting/kneeling to excavate (?)
handtool may have increased injury (?)
Inadequate detector pinpointing

Accident report

The only report of this accident that has been made available to date was in a UNMACA EXCEL spreadsheet. Text in square brackets [] is editorial. This record will be revised if more information is made available.

The EXCEL summary is reproduced below, edited for anonymity.

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No.# Accident: DA35

Demining group: [Name removed]

Date of Accident: 9th October 2008 09:35 AM

IMSMA ID: CA-178

Accident/Incident: Demining Accident

Name: [the Victim]

Type of Casualty: Injured

Type of injury: Injuries on his fingers

Title: Deminer

Team No: SHA-06

Task No: AF/0308/01635/HT1222

Activity of Victim during accident: Excavating

Type Device: PMN

Equipment Damaged: [None]

Village, District, Province: Qalai Ahmad Khan Village, Bagram District, Parwan Province

Investigation Completed Y/N: Y

Action Taken by NGOs (Y/N): Y

BOI Conclusions:

The accident occurred because of carelessness of the deminer as he used chisel directly on the detected signal instead of [Demining group] standard excavating tool (scraper). The poor command and control is another contributing factor for this accident as he was not stopped by command group.

Victim Report

Victim number: 819

Name: [Name removed]

Age:

Gender: Male

Status: deminer

Fit for work: not known

Compensation: Not made available

Time to hospital: Not made available

Protection issued: Not recorded

Protection used: Not made available

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES: severe Hand

COMMENT: No Medical report was made available.

Analysis

The primary cause of this accident is listed as a *Field Control Inadequacy* because the investigators found that the Victim was using the wrong tool and began excavating directly on top of the metal-detector reading and his errors were not corrected. The secondary cause is listed as *Inadequate training* because it seems likely that the deminer did not know the risk he was taking.

The hand tools in use by this demining group were not blast resistant and do not meet the recommendations in the IMAS. Their inappropriate design and use may well have made the Victim's injury more severe.

The "Inadequate investigation" listed under notes refers to the absence of a full accident report. The UN supported MACCA has failed to make these widely available for some years in contravention of the requirements of the IMAS. The failure of the UN to share the Afghan investigators' work with others is regrettable.